

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Agriculture (SOA)

Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the School Board

The 38th Meeting of the School Board was convened online on 13th October 2021 at 11.30 a.m.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. S. K. Yadav, Director, SOA, IGNOU	Chairman
2. Dr. Neelam Patel, Sr. Adv. (Agril) NITI Aayog, GOI	Member
3. Prof. N.C. Gautam, VC, Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot Gramodya Vishwavidyalaya, Chitrakoot, MP	Member
4. Prof. NSR Sastry, Former Prof, LPM, HAU, Hisar	Member
5. Dr. Ramesh Mittal, Director, CCS, NIAM, Jaipur	Member
6. Prof. Swati Patra, Professor, SOSS, IGNOU	Member
7. Prof. Vijay Kumar Baraik, Professor, SOS, IGNOU	Member
8. Dr. M. V. Lakshmi Reddy, Associate Professor, SOE, IGNOU	Member
9. Dr. Pema Eden, Associate Professor, SOH, IGNOU	Member
10. Dr. P.K. Jain, Associate Professor, SOA, IGNOU	Member
11. Dr. P. Vijayakumar, Associate Professor, SOA, IGNOU	Member
12. Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra, Associate Professor, SOA, IGNOU	Member
13. Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, SOA, IGNOU	Member

Dr. N. Bhaskar, Advisor (QA), FSSAI could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the 38th Meeting of the School Board. He welcomed the new School Board members under clause 2 (d) of the Statute 10A and also thanked the ex-School Board members for their significance contribution and guidance for the last two years. He further placed his gratitude and appreciation to the outgoing External Board Members for their support and guidance to the school.

The agenda items were taken up *in seriatim* for discussion and the recommendations of the School Board on each agenda are as follows:

Agenda No. SB.38.1 **To confirm the minutes of the 37th Meeting of the School Board held on 14.07.2021.**

SB.38.1.1 The Chairman informed that the Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the School Board were circulated to all the School Board Members and the School did not receive any comments/observations from any board member. He also presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) of the Minutes of the 37th School Board meeting

SB.38.1.2 Action Taken Report on Minutes of the 37th School Board Meeting is as follows:

Agenda No. SB.37.2 To consider and approve the concept note of Bachelor of Vocation (Agriculture) programme through ODL Mode.

The Board approved the concept note of Bachelor of Vocation (Agriculture) programme through ODL Mode.

Agenda No. SB.37.3 To consider and approve the Evaluation methodology of Diploma in Horticulture.

The Evaluation Methodology has been submitted to SED.

Agenda No. SB.37.4 To consider and approve the offering of all diploma programmes of the SOA in both the sessions i.e. January and July.

Approval of Competent Authority has been obtained and communicated to SRD.

Agenda No. SB.37.5 To consider and approve the Moderation of TEE question papers by the School faculty only during the pandemic.

The moderation of TEE question papers is being done by the School faculty only for TEE December, 2021.

Agenda No. SB.37.6 To consider and approve the revised list of unit writers and editors of Diploma in Animal Husbandry programme.

The units have been allotted to the approved writers and editors.

Agenda No. SB.37.7 To consider and approve the revised evaluation process of Project proposal for the Project work under the PG Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management (PGDFSQM) programme.

The revised evaluation mechanism has been communicated to the RSD. The action is yet to be known from RSD.

Agenda No. SB.37.10 To consider and approve the Hindi Translators for the Diploma in Animal Husbandry programme.

The units have been allotted to the approved translator.

SB.38.1.3

The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the School Board held on 14.07.2021 and the Action Taken Report of it (Annexure-1).

Agenda No. SB. 38.2: To consider and approve the Concept Note, Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and panel of experts for Expert Group Meeting of the "B.Sc. Food Safety and Quality Management" programme.

SB.38.2.1 Prof. S.K. Yadav, Chairman informed the School Board members that the School is planning to start a three years Bachelor's Degree in Food Safety and it will be the first UG degree programme of this school. He further highlighted the importance of the programme. He also informed that the School has already conducted the need assessment study and exploratory expert meeting. The exploratory expert group has finalized the title of the programme based on the need assessment as B.Sc. Food Safety and Quality Management.

Dr. P. Vijayakumar, Programme Coordinator presented the Concept Note along with the salient features and recommendations emerged from the need assessment study. He also presented the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and the Panel of experts for the Expert Group meeting.

SB.38.2.2 The Board members appreciated the Programme concept and expressed that the programme is the need of the hour.

SB.38.2.3 The Board approved the Concept Note, Programme Proposal Form (PPF) and panel of experts for Expert Group Meeting of the "B.Sc. Food Safety and Quality Management" programme (Annexure 2, 2a,2b,2c, 2d).

Agenda No.SB.38.3: To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the "Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness Management".

SB.38.3.1 Prof. S.K. Yadav, Chairman informed that the SOA is developing a "Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness Management" programme. Then he asked Dr. P.K. Jain, the programme coordinator to present the details of the agenda.

Dr. P.K. Jain presented the objectives, the delivery mechanism and other salient features of this programme. He further informed that two expert meetings were organized for this programme in which the title of the Programme was finalized as "Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness Management". The Academic Programme Committee (APC) in its 61st meeting held on 20th September 2021 (*vide* agenda A.P.C. 61.8) has also approved the PPF of the programme.

The programme will be of total 32 credits comprising of seven theory courses of 4 credits each and one project of 4 credit. The minimum eligibility for the programme shall be graduation in any discipline. Duration of the programme will be as per the university norms.

The evaluation of the programme will be based on the assignment, Term

End Examination (TEE) and Project Report. The students have to secure 40% marks in each component separately and also cumulatively.

SB.38.3.2

The School Board approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) of the “Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness Management” (Annexure 3).

Agenda No. SB. 38.4: To consider and approved the list of experts for unit writing and course editing for Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness Management.

SB. 38.4.1

The Chairman stated that the School is developing “Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness Management” programme. The Programme Coordinator has submitted a list of experts for writing the units and list of editors for editing various courses. These names of the experts were already approved by the competent authority for expediting the writing and editing work.

SB. 38.4.2

The Board approved the list of experts for unit writing and course editing for Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness Management and also approved the part minutes for this agenda (Annexure 4).

Agenda No. SB.38.5: To consider and approve the development of a Course on Vedic Agriculture

SB.38.5.1

The Chairman briefed the board about the huge repository of technologies/ practices on agriculture available in various Vedas and associated books. Such practices had sustained the Indian Agriculture through many centuries. Many parts of this country where the light of the modern developments are yet to reach are still using these Vedic techniques of crop production and animal husbandry.

For the benefits of the modern society, an independent course on Vedic Agriculture may be suitable.

SB.38.5.2

The Board approved the development of a course on Vedic Agriculture (Annexure 5).

Agenda No. SB.38.6: To consider and approve the Programme Launch Form of the Diploma in Animal Husbandry programme

SB.38.6.1

Dr. Mita Sinhamahapatra informed the members that the School is developing one year Diploma in Animal Husbandry (DAH) Programme and also briefed about the Programme Launch Form of DAH. She mentioned that the study material in English is either printed or under CRC preparation and the Hindi translation of the same is going on. The programme is proposed to be launched during 2022 January session.

SB.38.6.2

The Board approved the Programme Launch Form of the Diploma in Animal Husbandry programme (Annexure 6).

Agenda No. SB.38.7:

To consider and approve the Feedback Report of the Subject Experts.

SB.38.7.1

The Chairman presented and briefed about the feedback Report of the Subject Experts for kind consideration and approval of the School Board. He informed the Board that it is an annual action to be undertaken by each school of this University for the compliance of NAAC accreditation requirements. He informed that NAAC has already given this University A++ grade.

As per the requirements of Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA), the School has collected the feedback from the subject experts on design, development and delivery of the programme and also the assessment of the learners for improvements in the pedagogy. The School has prepared the feedback report and the same is presented for consideration of the School Board.

SB.38.7.2

The Board approved the Feedback Report of the Subject Experts (Annexure 7).

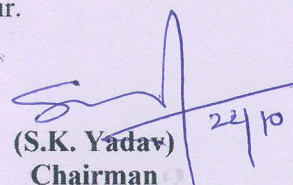
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To consider and approve the Revised Evaluation Methodologies of the programmes of the School.

The chairperson presented the agenda. He informed the members that the pass percentage of PGDFSQM, PGCAP, DVAPFV, DDT, DMT, DWM and COF programmes is 50% which is very high considering the diversity in the target group particularly for those from remote and disadvantaged areas. Moreover, it is also different from that of the majority of the University programmes at UG and PG levels. Hence, the evaluation methodology for the above-mentioned programmes needs to be revised. The members also opined and agreed to the revised evaluation methodology keeping in view the type of the programme and the target group. The board also appreciated aligning the evaluation methodologies with the University norms. The detailed proposal is enclosed at Annexure 8.

The Board approved the revised methodologies of all the programmes as proposed by the school.

The meeting ended with vote of the thanks to the chair.


(S.K. Yadav)
Chairman